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SUBJECT: CCD: INFORMAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON COMPREHENSIVE
NEGOTIATING PROGRAM, MARCH 10, 1977

1. SUMMARY: AT THIRD INFORMAL MEETING ON COMPREHENSIVE
NEGOTIATING PROGRAM (CNP) HELD ON MARCH 10, ITALIAN REP
RECALLED EARLIER ITALIAN WORKING PAPER ON CNP AND
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EXPRESSED VIEW THAT GUIDELINES FOR PROGRESS SHOULD BE
FLEXIBLE AND NOT BOUND TO RIGID TIMETABLE. HE SUGGESTED
THAT PRESENT EFFORTS BE FOCUSED ON PRIORITIES AND SHORT TERM
POSSIBILITIES FOR PROGRESS. INDIAN REP SAID THAT US-USSR
JOINT PRINCIPLES OF 1961 CONTAINED THE ELEMENTS NECESSARY
FOR CNP. US REP CHALLENGED EARLIER ASSERTION BY MEXICO
THAT CCD HAD "MANDATE OR DIRECTIVE" TO PRODUCE A NEW CNP,

NOTING THAT UN RES "URGES" CCD TO ADOPT CNP. US REP STATED BELIEF THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP A CNP. IN MEXICAN REP'S REACTION HE IMPLIED THAT US POSITION REPRESENTS LACK OF INTENTION TO BE RESPONSIVE TO UN RESOLUTION 31/68 ON CNP, WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. HE SUGGESTED SETTING UP SMALL DRAFTING GROUP TO WORK ON CNP TEXT. NIGERIAN REP SAID CCD HAS RESPONSIBILITY TO PREPARE CNP AND THAT THIS NEED NOT BOG DOWN WORK ON OTHER ISSUES. NETHERLANDS REP CHARACTERIZED PREPARATION OF CNP AS DIFFICULT TASK AND SUGGESTED A MORE MODEST APPROACH FOCUSING ON WHAT CCD SHOULD TAKE UP AFTER CTB AND CW. END SUMMARY.

2. THIRD INFORMAL MEETING OF CCD ON COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM (CNP) FOLLOWED PLENARY ON MARCH 10 WITH POLISH REP (WYZNER) IN CHAIR. ITALIAN REP (DI BERNARDO) RECALLED THAT ITALY HAD CIRCULATED A WORKING PAPER ON CNP IN 1970 (CCD/309) WHICH CONTAINED MANY IDEAS THAT ARE STILL RELEVANT. HE SUGGESTED THAT A CNP SHOULD PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR PROGRESS WHICH SHOULD BE FLEXIBLE, AND THAT A CNP SHOULD NOT BE BOUND TO A RIGID TIMETABLE. HE THOUGHT THAT CNP WOULD BE ONE OF THE MAIN TOPICS AT THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD). HE SUGGESTED THAT PRESENT EFFORTS SHOULD FOCUS ON PRIORITIES AND SHORT TERM POSSIBILITIES FOR PROGRESS ON SPECIFIC MEASURES, AND THAT CCD SHOULD ADOPT CNP PRIOR TO SSOD.

3. INDIAN REP (JAIN) WELCOMED ITALIAN STATEMENT AND SAID THAT 1961 US-SOVIET JOINT STATEMENT OF AGREED PRINCIPLES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(ENDC/5) CONTAINS THE ELEMENTS NECESSARY FOR DRAWING UP CNP.

4. US REP (MEYERS) CHALLENGED EARLIER ASSERTION BY MEXICO AND OTHERS THAT UNGA RES 31/68 PROVIDES CCD WITH "MANDATE OR DIRECTIVE" TO ADOPT CNP DURING 1977 SESSION. HE NOTED THAT RES "URGES" CCD TO ADOPT CNP, BUT THAT UNGA DOES NOT DIRECT CCD. HE TOOK NOTE OF MEXICAN AND ROMANIAN PROPOSALS TO ESTABLISH CNP ON BASIS ON NON-ALIGNED CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUGGESTED THAT OTHER DOCUMENTS MIGHT ALSO BE RELEVANT. US REP CAUTIONED THAT WORK ON CNP SHOULD NOT DETRACT FROM OTHER WORK OF CCD. HE EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO ESTABLISH WORKING GROUP TO DRAFT CNP, BUT WELCOMED CONTRIBUTIONS ON SUBJECT THAT MANY DELEGATES HAVE MADE. US REP OUTLINED CURRENT ARMS CONTROL ACTIVITIES IN WHICH USG ENGAGED AND SUGGESTED THAT CCD CONCENTRATE ITS ATTENTION ON SPECIFIC ISSUES WHICH ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO RESOLUTION.

5. MEXICAN REP (GARCIA ROBLES) SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION WAS GUIDED BY FACT THAT UNGA ADOPTED RES 31/68 BY CONSENSUS. HE

IMPLIED THAT US POSITION REPRESENTS OF LACK OF INTENTION TO
BE RESPONSIVE TO UNGA'S REQUEST. HE SAID

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THAT IN DAWELOPING CNP ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE
TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT INCLUDING UN DOC 8191, WORKING PAPERS
SUBMITTED BY ITALY AND NETHERLANDS, AGREED PRINCIPLES OF
1961, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS. HE SAID THAT,
"NOT STRAIGHTY AWAY", BUT AT THE END OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS
A PRACTICAL MEASURE DEALING WITH CNP SHOULD BE ADOPTED.

6. PERUVIAN REP (ARIAS-SCHREIBER), WHO WAS IN CHAIR AT
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PREVIOUS INFORMAL ON CNP, TOOK EXCEPTION TO REMARKS BY US REP CONCERNING LACK OF "MANDATE OR DIRECTIVE" PROVIDED BY UN RES AND INDICATED HIS SUPPORT FOR MEXICAN POSITION.

7. NIGERIAN ALTERNATE REP (FALASE) UNDERScoreD HIS DEL'S BELIEF IN PRINCIPLES OF CONSENSUS AND POLITICAL WILL IF THERE IS TO BE PROGRESS ON ANY SPECIFIC DISARMAMENT ISSUE. HE NOTED THAT UN RES 31/68 WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AND SAID THAT NIGERIA HAD THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS THE POLITICAL WILL PRESENT TO MOVE AHEAD ON CNP. HE SAID THAT CCD HAS BEEN GIVEN MANDATE TO ACT ON THIS MATTER, AND CANNOT AVOID ITS RESPONSIBILITY. HE SAID THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO SET UP COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE DOCUMENTS AND PREPARE A DRAFT CNP. IN THIS REGARD, HE SAID THAT WORK ON CNP SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE OTHER WORK OF CCD. HE SAID THAT CNP SHOULD BE VIEWED AS THE DESIGN FOR ACHIEVING GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT.

8. NETHERLANDS REP (VAN DR KLAUW) SAID THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO FIGHT THE ISSUE OF WHETHER OR NOT CCD HAS A TASK BEFORE IT. HE NOTED THE UN SYG HAS ASKED CCD TO CONSIDER NEGOTIATION ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) AS HIGH PRIORITY AND ON COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN (CTB) AS HIGHEST PRIORITY. HE SUGGESTED THAT WITH RESPECT TO CNP THAT CCD MIGHT SET ITS AIMS MORE MODESTLY, SINCE DEVELOPING NEW CNP WAS A VERY DIFFICULT TASK WHICH INVOLVED SERIOUS SECURITY AND POLITICAL ISSUES ON WHICH DIFFERENCES OF OPINION EXIST. NETHERLANDS REP THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS CCD MIGHT FOCUS ITS ATTENTION ON WHAT SHOULD BE TAKEN UP AFTER CTB AND CW.

9. NEXT INFORMAL MEETING ON CNP SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 11.

10. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING END OF INFORMAL SESSION, SOVIET, BULGARIAN AND NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR TALKED TO US REP. SOV REP SAID HE AGREED WITH CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY US REP LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REGARDING PREMATURE ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP DRAFT TREATY OR OTHER FORMAL MEANS OF RENDERING CURRENT CCD VIEWS ON COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM FOR GENERAL AND COMPREHENSIVE DISARMAMENT. HE THOUGHT IT APPROPRIATE, IN FACT ADVISABLE, TO PLACE ON RECORD IN PLENARY SESSIONS AT SOME POINT LATER IN SPRING SESSION, AND PROBABLY IN SUMMER CCD SESSION, VIEWS OF DELEGATIONS REGARDING COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM IN SUCH FORM THAT THESE VIEWS COULD CONSTITUTE CCD RESPONSE TO UNGA REQUEST SPECIFIEC

IN RES 31/68. HIS VIEW WAS THAT THIS CCD REPLY COULD BE ENCOMPASSED ADEQUATELY IN CCD REPORT. BULGARIAN REP, NATURALLY, JOINED IN SOVIET REP' ;832 . NETHERLANDS AMB SAID HE THOUGHT THIS WAS A RESONABLE MEANS OF RESPONDING TO UNGA RES, AND REPEATED HIS EARLIER COMMENT DIRECTED TO NIGERIAN REP THAT SECGEN LETTER OF JAN 28 HAD TRANSMITTED A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF UNGA RESES, BUT HAD PARTICULARLY DRAWN ATTENTION TO THE HIGH PRIORITY ISSUES OF CTB AND CW. US REP AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR VARIOUS DELEGATIONS TO PUT ON RECORD THEIR VIEWS DIRECTED AT OBJECTIVES CITED BY SOV REP, EITHER THROUGH STATEMENTS IN PLENARY OR IN OTHER APPROPRIATE FORM. CATTO

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